



NFHS Exam -Answer Key

2019 NFHS Softball Exam Part I

Question	Answer Choice	Answer Text	Rule Reference
1.	D	All of the above.	2-1-2
2.	C	In order for a runner to avoid unnecessary contact, she is required to slide if a fielder has possession of the ball and is waiting to make a tag.	2-52, 8-6-13
3.	C	The defense can no longer appeal batting out of order since the infraction was not discovered prior to the next pitch.	7-1-2 PENALTY 3
4.	D	The umpire calls a strike on the batter.	7-3-1
5.	A	Dead ball and the batter is awarded first base.	8-1-2b
6.	B	A cell phone recording video.	3-6-10
7.	C	Three.	3-7-1
8.	D	She becomes a substitute in the same half inning she was a courtesy runner.	8-9-4
9.	C	The pitcher and/or catcher.	8-9-1
10.	C	During the exchange of lineup cards at home plate during the pregame conference.	3-3-6
11.	C	43 feet.	1-1-2b
12.	D	All of the above.	1-5
13.	A	No call. The pitch is legal because in the umpire's judgment, the foot would have been in contact with the ground had the hole not been present.	6-1-2c
14.	A	F1 is behind the pitcher's plate, takes her signal, steps on the pitcher's plate and immediately brings her hands together.	6-1-1
15.	C	Umpire calls "Play Ball."	4-1-5
16.	B	The opposing team's head coach.	3-3-3
17.	A	Foul ball since the ball was over foul territory when first touched.	2-20-2
18.	B	When a fielder obstructs a runner the initial call is always a delayed dead ball. Once the obstructed runner is put out, it becomes a dead ball and the umpires shall award R1 the base she would have reached had there been no obstruction.	2-36
19.	D	All of the above.	2-30, 7-4-9
20.	D	A and B.	3-2-1
21.	A	The batter-runner is safe at first base on a dropped third strike. She overruns first base and turns to the right. Seeing no fielder near second base, she runs toward second where she is safe.	8-7-4
22.	D	The ball is dead and R3 is out. If the interference prevented an obvious double play the succeeding runner (B4) is also out. If not, B4 is awarded first base. R1 and R2 return to the last base touched at the time of interference.	8-6-10 PENALTY
23.	C	R1's movement is to avoid interfering with a fielder attempting to make the initial play on a batted ball, so as long as in the umpire's judgment there is not interference, this is a legal play.	8-8-1
24.	D	The umpire signals delayed dead ball and verbalizes "Obstruction." F6 is guilty of obstructing R2.	8-8-1
25.	C	The runner is struck by a fair untouched ball while standing on second base.	8-6-11, 8-6-16, 8-8-13
26.	C	Make the correction immediately.	1-1-9
27.	B	The taper of a bat is defined as having a solid surface.	1-5-2c

28.	C	Illegal, the sleeve must be removed or covered. Sleeves must follow the same color restrictions as exposed undergarments. They must be a single solid color: black, white, gray or school color.	3-2-7c
29.	D	All of the above.	1-6, 3-6-1
30.	E	A, B and C.	2-65-2
31.	D	All of the above.	3-2-7c
32.	D	Checking all equipment.	10-2-3a
33.	D	The umpire is authorized to determine how many warm-up pitches are permitted.	3-7-1 NOTE
34.	C	The hands come together and apart, then together again while standing on the pitching plate.	6-1-2b
35.	D	All of the above.	8-1-2
36.	C	When teams line up to shake hands following the completion of the game.	2-1-4 NOTE
37.	D	All of the above.	7-1-2 PENALTY 2
38.	C	Four.	2-1-2
39.	B	An offensive team member, other than another runner, physically assists the runner.	8-6-5, 8-6-6, 8-6-7, 8-6-8, 8-6-9
40.	A	True	2-3-2 NOTE
41.	A	R1 has committed interference.	2-47-3c, 8-6-10a
42.	B	B2 is out.	8-3-7
43.	D	A double play attempt resulting from a ground ball to the shortstop.	8-10-2, 8-10-3, 10-1-1
44.	B	R1 is awarded home and B4 is awarded third base.	8-4-3
45.	C	All runners must remember to re-touch bases in reverse order, even when returning after a foul ball.	8-3-2 EXCEPTION, 8-4-6
46.	C	The batter-runner stops between home plate and first base to delay being tagged out.	8-2-5, 8-2-6
47.	D	This is a legal play. B1 is safe at first base if she reaches the base before being put out.	8-2-6
48.	B	Dead ball. The batter is out and runners return to the last bases touched at the time of the infraction.	8-2-5
49.	B	The plate umpire lets the play stand as there is no interference on B1.	8-2-6
50.	B	B2 replaces B3 and assumes the 3 ball-2 strike count.	7-1-2
51.	D	All of the above.	7-4-3, 7-4-9, 7-4-14
52.	B	Dead ball. B2 is out and R1 must return to first base.	7-4-8
53.	D	The ball is dead, B2 is out, and R1 must return to the last base touched at the time of infraction.	8-10-1 PENALTY 2
54.	D	Make no immediate call because the ball is live.	8-1-2a EFFECT 2
55.	A	She hits the ball fair or foul while either foot is touching the plate.	7-4-8
56.	D	All of the above.	7-5-4 PENALTIES
57.	C	The umpire shall declare B1 out and remove the bat. B1 and the head coach are both ejected.	7-4-2 PENALTY
58.	C	Holding a bat in the strike zone is not a strike nor an attempt to swing.	7-2-1
59.	D	All of the above.	3-6-5, 3-6-6, 3-6-10
60.	A	Call a dead ball and award the batter two bases.	5-1-1f(4), 8-4-3h

61.	A	True	1-3-8
62.	B	False	4-1-2a
63.	C	The appeal may be made at any time after the home plate umpire awards the intentional walk and before a pitch to the next batter.	2-65-2; 7-1-2 PENTALTIES
64.	E	All of the above.	8-10-3
65.	D	All of the above.	7-2-1
66.	B	The courtesy runner becomes B1's substitute retroactively and B1 has left the game.	8-9-2 EXCEPTION
67.	C	The ball is dead, B2 is awarded first base. R1 returns to second base.	5-1-1a, 8-1-2b
68.	C	The DP may play defense only for the FLEX.	3-3-6
69.	D	A and B only.	3-3-6f
70.	D	All of the above.	3-3-6
71.	D	Material that is clear and permits 100% allowable light transmission.	1-8-4
72.	B	White.	1-1-8
73.	D	All of the above.	1-8-4
74.	B	The double first base rule must be used in all contests.	1-2-1 NOTE, 8-10
75.	A	2000 or 2004.	1-5-1d
76.	D	All the above.	3-2-7c EXCEPTION
77.	D	All of the above.	1-5-2a
78.	C	Some players are wearing camouflage arm sleeves in the school colors.	3-2-7
79.	B	White, black, beige or school colors.	3-2-5
80.	D	All of the above.	6-4-9
81.	B	The batter is awarded a ball.	6-1-1, 6-2-1
82.	D	All the above as long as the pitcher pauses and simulates taking a signal from the catcher prior to bringing her hands together.	6-1-1b
83.	C	Signal time and declare "no pitch." The R1 is out for leaving early and the batter's count is the same as before that pitch.	6-2-4c, 8-6-18
84.	E	All of the above are required.	3-1-3
85.	A	The head coach being restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game.	3-1-3 PENALTY
86.	D	An appropriate health-care professional.	3-3-9
87.	E	All of the above.	3-3-9, 10-2-3k
88.	A	Upon the arrival of one umpire within the confines of the field.	10-1-2
89.	D	All of the above are correct.	3-3-9, 10-2-3K, Appendix B
90.	A	If the misplayed ball is within a step and a reach of where F4 initially contacted the ball, R1 has committed interference.	2-47-3c, 8-6-10a
91.	C	Return to first base with or without retouching bases since it is ruled a foul ball.	2-25-1d, 8-3-2 EXCEPTION, 8-5-1
92.	D	All of the above.	2-9
93.	C	Interference is only awarded in situations where the runner physically contacts a fielder.	2-32, 8-6-10, 8-6-16
94.	A	Infield fly is called by the umpire and the batter is out.	2-30, 8-2-9
95.	A	True	2-20-1f

96.	C	The ball is dead immediately and batter is called out.	7-4-3 PENALTY
97.	B	False	2-1-1,2-1-3b(1)
98.	A	True	2-1-3b(1)
99.	D	Both a and b.	1-6-1; 1-6-5
100.	A	True	3-3-3